(b) what are the specific fields in which the Government of Laos has desired Indian assistance and when they first approached us ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) An amount of approximately Rs 58 lakhs has been committed/spent by Government of India on assistance to Laos during the last three financial years. In addition forty-five scholarships were utilised for training Lao personnel in India during the same period.

(b) The Government of Laos first approached us in 1977 for economic and technical assistance. Our cooperation has been requested in various fields Viz. agriculture, industry and transport. A list of these areas is placed on the Table of the house.

Legislation for banning use of religious places for Political ends

283. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the decisions received newly revived meeting of the National Integration Council held in New Delhi on the 7 th April, 1986; and

(b) whether Government are contemplating to bring in a legislation banning use of religious places or places of worship for political ends and not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) The National integration Council Meeting held on 9-4-1986 deliberated on "National Integration and Communal Harmony in he context of the situation in Punjab." The NIC adopted a Resolution and set up a 21 members Standing Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Jagjivan Ram to function on continuing basis. The task of the Standing Committee will he formulate short-term and long-term measures for preserving national integration in its various aspects all over the country.

(b) No, Sir. In view of the sensitivity of the matter it was felt that the main initiative for such regulations should come from the enlightened public opinion.

Demand for withdrawal of the Kudal Commission

284. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people recently staged a rally in Delhi and submitted a memorandum demanding withdrawal of the Kudal Commission; and

(b) whether the C.B.I. has submitted its report in seven cases in which they were asked to investigate on the findings of the first interim report of the Kudal Commission and if not, by when the C.B.I. is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of the Seven Cases initially referred to C.B.I., one case was dropped. The other six cases are under investigation.

Supply of Sophisticated Arms to Pakistan by U.K.

285. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items